

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Mayfield S16930

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State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County: Sct.

On this thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Anderson Crenshaw Judge of the Tuscaloosa Circuit Court now sitting, Samuel Mayfield resident of the said circuit in the County of Tuscaloosa and State of Alabama, aged 73 on the 23rd day of May last, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832:

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in North Carolina near the Virginia line he thinks in the County of Halifax. When a small boy his father removed to South Carolina, Union County & he lived there until he was about twenty five or thirty years of age and it was during the last mentioned time, while a resident of South Carolina he was called into service. When in his 17th year he was drafted upon a two month tour against the Cherokees to protect the frontier. The Captain commanding over Nathaniel Jeffries, Lieutenant John Thompson, Ensign not remembered. On this service he completed all that was required of him though he was not out the full two months, the Indians not presenting so much danger as required their staying the whole two months.

Your affiant thinks the American Revolution was only in its beginning. At that time the Cherokees were subdued and after his return home, he was not again called upon for service for about two or three years. And then he was called upon to fight against the British on a draft of three months. The expedition was to repair to Savannah for the purpose of expelling the British who then had occupation of that city. And he was one of the soldiers engaged in that courageous but unsuccessful attempt to recover it under the commanders of the American forces—General Greene,* General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], the concerned superior officers. The Captain that commanded him at this battle was named Gilky (he thinks his first name Jonathan)—this happened from levies at Companies or parties which being separated from headquarters to form a company for when he left home he was commanded by Capt. Montgomery [John Montgomery] who in detailing (?) out the men lost his command & he,

* Will Graves Note: Nathanael Greene was not in command in the South at this time; the first campaign against Savannah in December of 1778 was commanded by General Robert Howe and the second campaign in October 1779 was commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln. It is not clear from the declaration which of the two campaigns the declarant intends. Also, Sumter was unlikely to have been involved in either of the sieges of Savannah since he resigned his commission on September 18, 1778 and did not take up arms again until sometime shortly after the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780.

the Captain, returned home—In the attack on Savannah he received no wounds but many of his comrades fell around him. After this service was over he was disbanded & went home.

He was afterwards drafted for three months. Capt Montgomery, Lieutenant named Montgomery also and Hugh Taylor, Ensign were the officers of the company to which he belonged—this three months tour was existing during the siege of Ninety-Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], and he was at that siege from the beginning to the end.

After this he removed from Union into Fairfield County, & there he was drafted for two months, to keep back the British & Tories & was stationed at four holes Bridge. This service he performed, he received no discharge.

Between the times when thus engaged under a specific draft, he was many times out against the Tories—rather as minute proceedings and a few days would accomplish the object of the expedition.

After the Siege of Ninety-Six he removed to Fairfield County, South Carolina & lived there until the War was closed. He then removed again to Union county where he had formerly resided and from thence to this state about seven years ago last October & settled in this county where yet he resides.

That there is no one in this county that he knows of [who] could prove his services. There is an old lady, Squire Jones's Mother, who knows of her husband having gone to the War along with the applicant but would not be capable of proving anything more.

As to his age he has no Register thereof, he has kept his age by knowing from his father's information that he was twenty years old when he married, since which time his own family Register of the birth of his children & makes him now the age he has above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Samuel Mayfield, S his mark

Sworn to in open court this 13th day of October, 1832.

S/ John M. Jenkins, Clerk

[Joab Prate, a clergyman and George Cobb and Robert Garner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the South Carolina militia.]